

REMARKS

Claims 37-41 and 56-59 were allowed. The present amendment seeks to amend claims 37-39 and 56-58, and to add new claims 60-86. New claims 61, 65, 71, and 80 recite a fusion protein having a second amino acid sequence that is a *M. tuberculosis* antigen find support in the specification, *e.g.*, in paragraph 0200. No new matter is introduced.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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